(c) Areawise stock as on 1-8-1991 is as below:—

(Figures in Tonnes)
(Data Provisional)

Area	1-8-1991
Chandrapur	211595
Ballarpur	561868
Wani	339756
Nagpur	407074
Patherkhera	19471
Pench	70839
Kanhan	50466
TOTAL WCL	1661069

(d) and (e) The total monthly demand of consumers from WCL is 26.40 lakh tonnes, as per information supplied by WCL. The quantity of coal despatched by WCL to coal linkage holders from April to July, 1991, monthwise and area-wise, against this demand is given in the table below:—

(Total Despatches in tonnes)
(Data Provisional)

Area	April, 91	May, 91	June, 91	July, 91
Chandrapur	344616	347145	277207	238673
Ballarpur	363066	308953	350717	342513
Wani	604924	538501	521889	481226
Nagpur	392848	342281	354029	294429
Patherkhera	158176	153178	150746	181981
Pench	144363	122375	151886	156628
Kanhan	130089	109750	108029	123185
TOTAL	2138082	1922183	1914503	1818635

Change in Colour of Ashok Hotel

18. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express of the 16th August, 1991 under the heading 'Ashok Hotel to change colour again';

(b) if so, the amount of money ITDC will have to spend for changing the white colour of Ashok Hotel to redstone colour;

(c) what is the basis on which the original red-colour of Ashok Hotel was changed into white and the amount of money the Corporation had to spend at that time and in subsequent years for maintaining the white colour of the hotel; and

(d) what are the reasons for frequent changes in the colours of Ashok Hotel and whether responsibility will be fixed for the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The expenditure is estimated at Rs. 10.7 lakhs and is a part of normal renovation which would have been spent even to give a white coat.

(c) At the time of Non-Aligned Meet and CHOGM in 1983, substantial renovations were carried out in Ashok Hotel, New Delhi including painting of exterior facade in white colour. The cost on re-doing the exterior facade was Rs. 1.86 lakhs. In 1987 the same colour was repainted at a cost of Rs. 6.97 lakhs.

(d) In order to maintain conformity with the ambiance of hitorical public buildings at New Delhi, and to restore the original facade of Ashok hotel, it has been decided to revert to its original red-sand stone biscuit colours.

Waisting Lists for LPG Connections

19. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new LPG connections that are proposed to be released in the year 1991-92 in the country; and

(b) what is the number of applications in the waiting lists for new LPG connections in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 5 lakhs.

(b) Around 70 lakhs.

Oil Reserves in West Bengal and Gujarat

20. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the Financial Express, New Delhi on the 12th August, 1991 to the effect that India is sitting on two huge oil reservoirs in West Bengal and Gujarat which can make it a crude exporting country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for not tapping the same so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The news reports is speculative and not based on facts.

Shortfall in supply of coal

21. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the loss and profit position of Coal India during last 3 years;

(b) whether coal is supplied as per the requirement of power plants, cement plants and other industries;

(c) what are the reasons for shortfall in supplies;

(d) whether it is a fact that colliery managements are indulging in reckless resort to opencast mining rather than